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SUBJECT: FUTURE USG ASSISTANCE TO EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

REF: (A) STATE 82754, (B)DAR ES SALAAM 1368, (C) NAIROBI 4175

1. WE HAVE CAREFULLY REVIEWED NAIROBI'S VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED REF C. THE POSITION OF EMBASSY AND USAID TANZANIA REMAINS AS STATED IN REF B.

2. WE AGREE THAT QUESTIONS OF CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO EAC IS SEPARATE FROM CONTINUED OPERATION OF RDOEA OFFICE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT AS LONG AS EAC SURVIVES, THE BEST WAY TO ASSIST IT IS THROUGH THE RDOEA PROGRAM MANAGED FROM ARUSHA. EMBASSY/USAID HAVE REVIEWED FUNCTION AND GOAL OF RDOEA IN CONTEXT UNCERTAIN EAC FUTURE AND SEE NO SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGES (DEVELOPMENTAL, OPERATIONAL COST SAVINGS, LOGISTICAL, OR OTHERWISE) IN DECIDING AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE OFFICE. SHOULD THE EAC EFFECTIVELY CEASE TO EXIST, QUESTIONS OF LIAISON AND MANAGEMENT DO NOT ARISE. THE OFFICE WOULD CLOSE AND THE SUB-PROJECTS WOULD CEASE OR COME UNDER BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

3. AS TO POINTS MADE BY NAIROBI REGARDING TANZANIAN REACTION TO PREMATURE CLOSURE OF RDOEA OFFICE, WE MUST RELY ON OUR OWN JUDGMENT, BASED, INTER ALIA, ON RECENT NYERERE CONVERSATIONS
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WITH ME THAT PRESIDENT WOULD REACT ADVERSELY TO A TRANSFER OF FOCUS OF USG ASSISTANCE TO EAC FROM COMMUNITY HEADQUARTERS TO CAPITAL OF ONE OF PARTNERS. THIS ESPECIALLY PERTINENT NOW IN VIEW CURRENT LESS THAN WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN TANZANIA AND KENYA.

4. NYERERE IS IMPORTANT TO US AT THIS TIME ON CRITICAL SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS. I SEE NO POINT IN COMPLICATING OUR RELATIONSHIP

WITH HIM BY CHANGING A SATISFACTORY EXISTING SITUATION. ANY
DECISION TO DO SO WOULD IN MY VIEW BE DETRIMENTAL TO OVERALL US
INTERESTS, WOULD OFFER NO SUBSTANTIAL ADVANTAGE EVEN IN DEVELOP-
MENTAL TERMS, AND WOULD BE PREMATURE AND POSSIBLY UNNECESSARY.
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